

# **Anti Ragging Cell**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

In pursuance to the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, the UGC had notified "Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions,2009". The Regulations are available on the UGC website i.e. www.ugc.ac.in. These regulations are mandatory for all higher educational institutions in the country.

#### RAGGING MENACE

Ragging is a disturbing reality in the higher education system of our country. Despite the fact that over the years, ragging has claimed hundreds of innocent lives and has ruined the careers of thousands of bright students, the practice is still perceived by many as a way of 'familiarization' and an 'initiation into the real world' for young college-going students. Ragging is defined as any disorderly conduct, whether by words spoken or written or by an act, has the effect of teasing, treating, or handling with rudeness a fresher or a junior student. Indulging in a rowdy or undisciplined activity that causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in a fresher or junior student. Asking the students to do any act or perform something that such students will not do in the ordinary course and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of a fresher or junior student. This can lead to adverse effects such as depression, anxiety, and sometimes even suicide.

## Initiatives taken by College to curb Menace of Ragging

- 1. At the time of admission the online anti ragging undertaking is to be filled by the students and parents. The anti ragging undertaking is as per UGC guidelines. (https://www.ugc.gov.in/oldpdf/ragging/minuterag230409.pdf)
- 2. During the orientation of newly admitted students a session on anti ragging is conducted where students are briefed about the subjects, subject teachers, class teachers, class representatives, course coordinators, Head of the department and Principal. They are made aware of various group activities conducted by the Department/College which inculcates team bonding that promotes a healthy learning environment amongst the students. Students are briefed about the ill effects of ragging on the perpetrator and the victim.
- 3. Anti ragging sign boards are displayed at various places in the campus.

## 4. Anyone facing ragging:

- a. Approach to the Class teacher/Coordinator/HOD before registering the case.
- b. They can drop their complaint with the Anti Ragging Cell.
- c. Alternatively, an email can be sent to grievance@mmcc.edu.in.

The Anti Ragging Cell aims to address the complaints in a time bound manner.

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